Form Letters and Responses

Section V includes a representative letter of those letters grouped into classes due to similarity to other letters. Comments within representative letters were numbered in the margin. Responses to the comments follow the letter. A list of the alphanumeric code of similar letters in the class precedes the actual response to the comments. The letters grouped may contain some slight differences from the others in the class, but do not contain significantly different comments and therefore do not require unique responses. One form letter, initially emailed, then delivered in hardcopy, received response, but, due to volume, respondents were not included in the alphanumeric listing.



Example of F1 Letters

Lisa Taylor

2611 B Woolsey Street, Berkeley, CA 94705

July 10, 2002

Chris Rowney 1416 19th Street Sacramento, CA 94244

Subject: Management Plan and EIR for Jackson State Forest

Dear Chris Rowney:

To: Chris Rowney, California Dept. of Forestry; Subject: Draft Management Plan and EIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Dear Mr. Rowney:

I am writing to arge you to consider the people of California and the future of our beautiful state in adopting a plan for Jackson State Forest. I strongly oppose the Draft Management Plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation. I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for habitat, recreation, education and research.

Sincerely,

Lisa Taylor



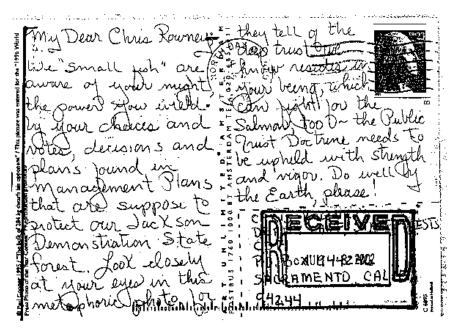
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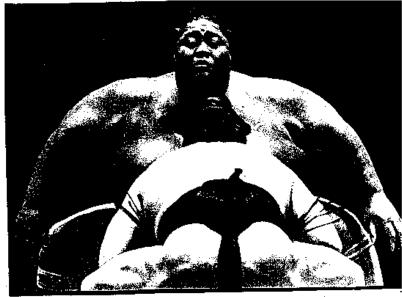
Approximately 34 respondents submitted a letter that was classified as F1.

Response to F1 Comments Please refer to General Responses 1, 4, 7, and 8.



Example of F2-No Comment Group UK108





F2 Letters

Approximately 7 respondents submitted a letter that has been classified as F2. The concern expressed in these letters is unclear as stated or does not pertain to the project, its impacts as analyzed under CEQA, or the analysis presented in the DEIR. These respondents may benefit from a review of all General Responses in Section II.



Example of F3 Letters

Jill Richards

P.O. Box 125, Tiburon, CA 94920-0125

July 11, 2002

Chris Rowney 1416 19th Street Sacramento, CA 94244

Subject: Management Plan and EIR for Jackson State Forest

Dear Chris Rowney:

Please provide me your response to the following:

To: Chris Rowney, California Dept. of Forestry; Subject: Draft Management Plan and EIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Dear Mr. Rowney:

I strongly oppose the Draft Management Plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation. I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for habitat, recreation, education and research.

The Draft BIR fails to evaluate the restoration alternative that I favor. The closest alternative, Alternative E, does not restrict timber operations to those needed to restore the forest to old growth, to enhance recreation opportunities or to improve wildlife and botanical habitats. It does not include significant expansion of recreation, nor direct that proceeds from timber harvests be spent within Jackson State. The EIR does not present data on the cumulative impacts of past and proposed logging operations. Its stream protection measures are not justified scientifically. It does not recognize the critical habitat contribution that Jackson State could make to the recovery of the Marbled Murrelet. For all of the above reasons, the Draft EIR fails to provide me with the information and analysis I need to be able to judge the merits of the Draft Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Jill Richards



F3 Letters

Approximately 1,431 respondents submitted a letter that can be classified as F3. Most letters contained six comments, such as those included in the F3 example letter.

Response to Comments F3.1 Please refer to Response JN-364.2.

Response to Comments F3.2 Please refer to Responses GK-215.2, GJ-236.35 and 236.36.

Response to Comment F3.3 Please refer to General Response 9.

Response to Comment F3.4

The Biological Resource Section of the DEIR includes a discussion of aquatic resources and associated stream protection measures (p. 111-114). The DEIR states that stream protection measures are legislated through a number of state and federal policies. At the project level such as THP preparation, stream protection measures contained in the DEIR are subject to agency review and approval and may include additional site-specific measures. Stream protection measures are stated in the DEIR and include all applicable Forest Practice Rule standards. These protection measures are subject to scientific review during formation and ongoing evaluation for effectiveness.

Response to Comment F3.5

The purpose of the EIR process is to address the impacts of the proposed action and to suggest mitigation to ensure that impacts are less than significant. The federal recovery plan for the murrelets is only implemented for federal projects or when federally funded. In addition, please refer to Response RH-240.3 and General Responses 2 and 5.

Response to Comment F3.6 Please refer to General Response 1.



Example of F4 Letters

To: Christopher P. Rowney Demonstration State Forest Program Manager California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 From: Mary Jo Dorr

536 McFarlane Ave.

Sebastopol, CA 95477

Date: 7/23/09

Dear Christopher P. Rowney,

I am writing to you regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. I do not want the California Department of Forestry (CDF) to continue logging in Jackson. I want the EIR and Management Plan to provide for the appreservation of all 50,000 acres of this forest and to focus on restoration of the areas that have been negatively impacted by logging activity. Please include my comments as part of the public record.

Sincerely,

my signature /

F4 Letters

Approximately 2,226 respondents submitted a letter that can be classified as F4. Most letters contained three comments, such as those included in the F4 example letter.

Response to Comments F4.1, F4.2, and F4.3 Please refer to General Responses 1 and 7 and Response PS-2.2.



Example of F5

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Dear Mr. Rowney.		D. 1.575 25

Date: 6 45-02-

I am writing to you regarding the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. I do not want the California Department of Forestry (CDF) to continue its commercial logging in Jackson.

Jackson is the only large public forest in the region. It is surrounded by private forestland where almost no old growth or mature forest still exists. Jackson should fulfill its mission as a "demonstration" forest by showing ways to restore a managed forest so it

2 can again become an old growth forest.

Continuing commercial logging on Jackson creates significant negative effects to the 3 regional environment. Restoration of the old growth forest would provide much needed mitigation for the loss of old growth and mature forest throughout the area. Please include my comments as part of the public record regarding the draft EIR.

Citizen directed by phone Caller initials: Date: 6/25/02

F5 Letter

CDF received a letter that contained numerous signatures; therefore it was classified as group F5. This letter contains three comments.

Response to Comments F5.1 Please refer to General Response 1.

Response to Comment F5.2 Please refer to Response RS-201.12.

Response to Comment F5.3 Please refer to General Responses 4 and 8.



Example of F6

Chris Rowney, Program Manager Demonstration State Forests California Department of Forestry Post Office Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Jackson Demonstration State Forest Draft Management Plan and DEIR

Dear Mr. Rowney:

I would like to comment on the proposed Forest Management Plan (FMP) and the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. I am concerned that the Plan and DEIR have not adequately considered a number of important factors. I am particularly concerned about the fragile population of marbled murrelets and the potential for murrelet habitat on state land.

The DEIR made no mention of the federal Recovery Plan for marbled murrelets. It should have. According to the federal Recovery Plan:

"The very small nesting and at-sea population of marbled murrelets along the coast of Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties is important to future reconnection of marbled murrelet populations in northern and central California, if they can survive over the short term. Almost all of the older forest has been removed from this area, although small pockets of old-growth forest occur in State parks and on private lands. Much of the remaining marbled murrelet nesting habitat in this Zone [Zone 5, Mendocino County] is located on private lands.

"The maintenance of this population will require considerable cooperation between State, Federal and private management representatives. Recovery efforts in this Conservation Zone could enhance the probability of survival and recovery in adjacent Conservation Zones by minimizing the current gap in distribution. The population is so small that immediate recovery efforts may not be successful at maintaining this population over time and longer term recovery efforts (e.g. developing new suitable habitat) may be most important. However, if this small population can be maintained over the next 50 years, it will greatly speed



recovery in this Conservation Zone. Whether or not marbled murrelets can recolonize regenerated old-growth forests over such a large geographic area is not known."

The federal Recovery Plan is the best available scientific information about the status of marbled murrelets. The information in the Recovery Plan indicates that it is reasonable to believe the very existence of marbled murrelets in the region and perhaps their viability throughout the Pacific Coast south of Alaska may depend on actions taken at Jackson. Murrelets' status as endangered under the California ESA makes it incumbent on Jackson to implement the federal recovery plan strategy. Under CESA, state agencies have a duty to help recover endangered species as per Fish and Game Code sections 2053, 2055, and 2061:

2053. The Legislature further finds and declares that it is the policy of the state that state agencies should not approve projects as proposed which would jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat essential to the continued existence of those species, if there are reasonable and prudent alternatives available consistent with conserving the species or its habitat which would prevent jeopardy.

2055. The Legislature further finds and declares that it is the policy of this state that all state agencies, boards, and commissions shall seek to conserve endangered species and threatened species and shall utilize their authority in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

2061. "Conserve," "conserving," and "conservation" mean to use, and the use of, all methods and procedures which are necessary to bring any endangered species or threatened species to the point at which the measures provided pursuant to this chapter are no longer necessary. These methods and procedures include, but are not limited to, all activities associated with scientific resources management, such as research, census, law enforcement, habitat acquisition, restoration and maintenance, propagation, live trapping, and transplantation, and, in the extraordinary case where population pressures within a given ecosystem cannot be otherwise relieved, may include regulated taking.

The federal Recovery Plan is the best available science regarding how best to conserve marbled murrelets. Its recommendations must be applied at Jackson.

Some of the very few known murrelets in the region are nesting adjacent to JDSF on parkland in Russian Gulch. Every effort must be made to protect them by protecting all the adjacent forest stands located in Jackson. A very large area around the nesting birds must be left intact to minimize any threat to their nesting success. Additionally, because the region's forestland is overwhelmingly held as private property, Jackson Demonstration State Forest is the only opportunity available in the region where it would be possible to develop marbled murrelet habitat on a large scale. This should be done. Finally, research on how best to accomplish this is needed and doing so is squarely within Jackson's "demonstration" mission. The FMP as proposed fails to make a substantial contribution to 6 recovery of marbled murrelets and this is a significant adverse effect of the plan that the DEIR has not identified and for which no mitigation is currently proposed by the Department. The FMP as proposed also violates CESA. We have herein proposed mitigation and ask that you incorporate that mitigation into the Forest Management Plan.

> Sincerely, Heather Rose

38279 Dixon Ct. Fremont CA, 94536



F6 Letters

Approximately 30 respondents submitted a letter that can be classified as F6. Most letters contained seven comments, such as those included in the F6 example letter.

Response to Comments F6.1-F6.7 Please refer to General Response 5.



Example of F7

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 Jackson Forest Is regionally important. It is a key refuge for maintaining the biodiversity of the redwood region and is an outdoor recreation resource for <u>millions</u> of people.

The entire forest should demonstrate how.
 to manage for recovery of notive plants and animals that have declined in the region and how to maintain and restore pristing water auality.

3. To maximize research opportunities, every old growth tree should be protected, and stands, containing even a few old growth trees should not be logged. Old growth development areas ground the already-designated old growth groves should be expanded.

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§ 5. Stream-side buffers should be greatly quincreased, creating a network of wildlife corridors. Management within these zones should be limited to demonstrating conservation of native plants, fish, and wildlife.

-6. If logging is to continue, the timber program's overall good should be to show how logging can coexist with the public's enloyment of the forest. Jackson should demonstrate only sustained yield, single tree if and small clusterselection logging, the highest is quality road building, and enhanced site is quality road building, and enhanced site is gradient to their should be no even-aged in management, clearcuts, or herbicide use for site preparation.

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F7 Letters

Approximately 19 respondents submitted a letter that can be classified as F7. Most letters contained 15-19 comments, such as those included in the F7 example letter.

Response to Comments F7.1 and F7.2 Please refer to Response PS-2.2.

Response to Comments F7.3

Please refer to Response to Comment #7 in CDF's reply to NCRWQCB, "Section III: Agency Responses."

Response to Comments F7.4-F7.6 Please refer to General Response 4.

Response to Comment F7.7 Please refer to General Response 7.

Response to Comment F7.8 and F7.9

The Biological Resource Section of the DEIR includes a discussion of aquatic resources and associated stream protection measures (p. 111-114). The DEIR states that stream protection measures are legislated through a number of state and federal policies. At the project level such as THP preparation, stream protection measures contained in the DEIR are subject to agency review and approval and may include additional site-specific measures. Stream protection measures are stated in the DEIR and include all applicable Forest Practice Rule standards. These protection measures are subject to scientific review during formation and ongoing evaluation for effectiveness. Also, please refer to Responses PS-2.5 and RL-238.22.

Response to Comment F7.10 Please refer to Response WW-237.6 and 237.7.

Response to Comment F7.11 Please refer to Response GK-215.2.

Response to Comment F7.12-F7.14 Please refer to General Response 1.

Response to Comment F7.15

The Management Plan defines specific Watershed Resource goals to mitigate road and crossing problem sites, to minimize erosion impacts, to minimize management-related landslides, and to maintain or improve aquatic and riparian habitat conditions and minimize sediment delivery to watercourses (DFMP, page 102).



Improved road management and the careful abandonment of old roads are expected to result in important reductions in erosion from road surfaces and stream crossings. The relocation of roads from along streams to ridge tops and the change to out-sloping of road surfaces is already reducing road caused sedimentation.

Response to Comment F7.16 Please refer to Response F8.7.

Response to Comment F7.17 and F7.18 Please refer to General Responses 1 and 8.

Response to Comment F7.19 Please refer to Response EC-37.4.



Example of F8

July 15, 2002

Chris Rowney, Program Manager Demonstration State Forests California Department of Forestry Post Office Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Mr. Rowney:

I am concerned that the Forest Management Plan and DEIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest have not adequately considered a number of important factors. Jackson is the only large public forest in the redwood region north of San Francisco and south of Humboldt County. Much of the area adjacent to and nearby Jackson is owned by the timber industry. They have logged all the old growth and almost all of the older second growth redwoods. As their lands are private property, the public is also excluded. Jackson plays an important role in protecting the biological resources and recreation potential of the region.

Given how badly the timber market has decimated the region's forests, it would be appropriate to manage Jackson as a demonstration of various ways to restore lands to old growth conditions. If you choose not to pursue that option, you should revise the proposed Management Plan in the following ways:

All old growth trees should be protected unless they pose a serious threat to human life. All old growth trees should have a no-logging buffer. Where there are many scattered old growth trees, they should be aggregated into a special concern area that is managed for late succession development. Old growth trees are a non-renewable resource.

The marbled murrelets known to be nesting at Russian Gulch State Park adjacent to Jackson must receive strong protection because they are listed under both the state and federal Endangered Species Acts (ESAs). Both branches of the headwaters of Russian Gulch must be set aside in a no-logging zone.

The recommendations of the federal Recovery Plan for marbled murrelets should be implemented; Along with careful protection for known murrelets, suitable nesting habitat should be protected where it exists and large tracts should be developed. Doing this is well within lackson's demonstration mandate. Jackson encompasses approximately 30% of the Critical Habitat designated in California for marbled murrelets. CDF has a duty to conserve listed species under the California ESA.

The 80-110 year old second growth should not be logged. The Forest Management Plan proposes to log most of the oldest second growth stands currently growing. The timber industry has eliminated most old second-growth redwood front their holdings. Jackson is a public forest that must give as much consideration to recreation and aesthetics as it does to logging. Any sort of logging in high use public areas should be climinated.

Clearcutting, even with "variable retention," should be eliminated. The public is not likely to see much difference between clearcutting, which is supposed to not happen under the new FMP, and "variable retention" cuts, which are clearcuts with a few clumps of trees retained. The timber industry is demonstrating clearcutting in a massive way and Jackson already has huge tracts of clearcut land that can accommodate any experimental needs that may arise.

Poor logging practices should be eliminated. Jackson has a very significant invasive plant problem. Pampas grass and other similar pest plant invasions are directly proportional to the amount of forest canopy that is removed during logging. Even-aged logging, particularly clearcuts (by any name), are highly likely to cause additional infestations of exotic plant species.

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Herbicide use should be avoided. Herbicide use should be eliminated by avoiding timber operations that result in invasive plant problems. Existing invasive infestations should be controlled using non-chemical means.

Stream protection should be increased. The proposed stream buffers are not as protective as the recommendations of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Forest Service for this region. The US Forest Service Standards and Guidelines are most appropriate for implementation at Jackson because they were designed for protection of many species, not only fish.

Slash piles should be reduced across the forest. The forest has a huge slash problem. Piles of logging debris 12 feet high and 30 feet long are not uncommon. Not only are these piles aesthetic horrors, they are fire hazards. The public wants to hike throughout the forest without being confronted with such careless clean-up work.

Recreation corridors should be designated now. There is no need to wait for "visitor use surveys." Jackson's staff knows where the high use areas are. Corridors should include all the principle routes to and around the camping facilities and the old growth groves.

Jackson Forest has the potential to be a beautiful, successful, and well-regarded regional resource. The Management Plan update provides CDF with the opportunity to seriously consider and respond to long-standing public concerns about the forest's management. I would like the forest to have the opportunity to become as "old growth" as it can be in my lifetime, since there is so little remaining in our region today.

Kirsten Liske

349 Pennsylvania Ave #C

Santa Cruz CA 95062

F8 Letters

Approximately 25 respondents submitted a letter that can be classified as F8. Most letters contained nine comments, such as those included in the F8 example letter.

Response to Comment F8.1 Please refer to General Response 4.

Response to Comment F8.2 Please refer to General Response 5.

Response to Comment F8.3 Please refer to General Response 7.

Response to Comment F8.4 Please refer to General Response 8.

Response to Comment F8.5

As stated in the DFMP (page 58), one of the goals of the Forest is to provide a comprehensive ecologically based program to prevent and control exotic weeds. Integrated Weed Management (IWM) contains provisions to control infestations of invasive exotic plant species and prevent further colonization of those species through an array of measures that vary from preventive measures to post-harvesting practices. Please refer to the DEIR, pages 142-143 and 318, for further details.

Response to Comment F8.6

Please refer to Response EC-37.4. Page 142 of DEIR states:

IWM is a prevention oriented approach that emphasizes control of environmental conditions that cause or promote weed infestations. IWM may make use of the benefits of cultural, mechanical, herbicide application, prescribed fire, biological agents or other techniques to reduce exotic weed populations and to promote forest health.

As stated throughout the DFMP and DEIR, invasive exotic plant species eradication is not restricted to the use of chemicals.

Response to Comment F8.7

Please refer to Responses F7.8 and F7.9.

Response to Comment F8.8

Please refer to General Response 2. The FPRs require that slash that is treated for hazard reduction by piling and burning shall be treated by April 1 of the year following its creation, or within 30 days following climatic access or as justified in the Plan. This includes landing piles



in or adjacent to the plan area. The rules go on to state that piles shall be burned at a safe time during the first wet fall or winter weather or other safe period following piling. These are requirements for hazard reduction, but will also address aesthetic concerns. The slash abatement measures in the DFMP will minimize the aesthetic impact of slash where public access is highest, minimizing aesthetic impacts. Please refer to page 163 of the DEIR for further details.

Response to Comment F8.9 Please refer to Response GK-215.



Support Example

147 N. Sanderson Way Fort Bragg, CA 95437

June 13, 2002

Christopher P. Rowney
Demonstration State Forest Program Manager
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, Ca 94244-2460

Dear Mr. Rowney:

I have reviewed the Draft EIR for the Comprehensive Update to the JDSF Forest Draft Management Plan dated May 2002. Thank you for making this information available on the CDF web site. I am impressed with the accuracy and completeness of the document. I noted that a wide range of alternatives for management were considered.

I agree with CDF that Alternative C is the preferred option. Please expedite the approval of this document with implementation of Alternative C.

Thank you for the consideration.

(1100) RA-

Sincerely,

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Support Letters

Approximately 49 respondents submitted a letter that supports the adoption of the DFMP and Alternative C.

Response to Support Letters

The comments that support Alternative C have been submitted into the public record. Approval of the DFMP is pending completion of CEQA review, CDF administrative review, and the Lead Agency (CDF) review.

